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may return again the spirits are led far afield 755
to be given sacrifices so that they will loiter 789
away with a full stomach. The two evils most
feared by the Lolo as I have observed are the
demons of the underworld and the greedy and
corrupt officials of the human world for these
two are the sources of all their misfortune and
bankruptcy. The remedy is "to respect them but
also to keep away from them." So they are en-
tertained with wine and meat; as for the latter
they are also bribed with ts'ai-yen" [money and
opium]. (Readers should not think it curious. At 662
least it does not appear so to people living in
the Lolo district because when a committee man
or a government employee goes to the country on
official duty he is given, besides several thou-
sand dollars for traveling expenses, a few
ounces of opium. So the classical term "money
and silk" for bribery should be more properly
changed in current usage to "money and opium".)
For this reason the Lolo fear the officials more
than the spirits. A proverb says: "When an of-
ficial comes to the village, the people suffer
disaster". Is it not true? It is hoped that
there is a T'ai-kung among us who can extirpate
the corrupt officials in the human world.

The outdoor sacrifice is based upon the 755
foregoing psychology. The best place for it is 789
along the river banks, probably to enable the
spirits to flow away with the current. But the
locale I visited had suffered from the drought
terribly, there being barely a trickle of water
running in the sand at the bottom of the river.
I was rather worried for the family, fearing
that a river without water could not carry the
stubborn spirits away.

On arrival the Pai-mao chose a spot of firm 755
earth and planted in it cypress branches and 789
white fuel wood about a foot in height in serried 773
rows. It is said that the white firewood sticks
are the tablets for the spirits. The use of the